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EXPLORING OF DEEP SEA FOR GAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to explore deep sea for gas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantity of each type of gas likely to be obtained for commercial purposes?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a) & (b) Seven deep water blocks in the East Coast offshore have been awarded to various companies for exploration under the first round of New Exploration Licencing Policy (NELP), including 3 blocks to Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) . Further 8 deep water blocks in the Western offshore would be offered under the second round of NELP during December, 2000. In addition,Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has plans to explore 13 blocks in deep water of East Coast and West Coast.

(c) So far 2.8 billion cubic meters (BCM) of in place volume of gas has been established in G-1 prospect by ONGC of which 1.836 BCM is free gas and 0.978 BCM solution gas. No discovery has yet been made by private/joint venture companies in deep water areas.